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CURRENT COMMENT.

The Duchess of Rutland is a writer on social topics. With a view of enlarging her field of observation she will soon come to America.

The libel action of Mr. O'Brien against the Cork Constitution has resulted in a verdict in favor of Mr. O'Brien for £100 damages. He claimed \$5,000.

OVER 1,500,000 copies of the President's message have been ordered by members of Congress and distributed through the mails. W. L. Scott alone took 250,000 copies.

COLONEL S. W. MALLORY, for the past twenty years one of the most prominent Republican figures in Arkansas politics, died at Texarkana recently, aged about sixty years.

A BRITISH vessel is now surveying a route between Australia and Canada, preliminary to laying a telegraph cable. The cable will be 7,500 miles long, and the work of laying it will take three years.

CIRCULARS have been issued by Alexander H. Smith, secretary of the St. Louis Millers' Association, calling a meeting of the millers of Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Indiana and Tennessee, and of all the winter wheat States, for the purpose of forming a flour trust. The meeting is to be held in St. Louis August 31.

CHRISTOPHER MEYER, the millionaire, died at his residence on Fifth avenue, New York, recently. He was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1818 and came to this country when fifteen years old. For many years he was the foremost man in the rubber fabric business of this country. He was brought into prominence by his connection with the raid of Ives upon the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road.

The conduct of the Signal Service, as disclosed by its annual report, is criticised at some length in an article in a recent number of *Science*. It seems to be established by trustworthy statistics that the reliability of the weather prognostics furnished by the service has fallen off noticeably in the last few years, the year 1888 showing 89 per cent. of successful predictions, while in 1887 the percentage had fallen to 74.

The president of the French Agricultural Society, in his report regarding the losses caused by the recent rains, says that the hay has been destroyed and that the peasants have been compelled to kill their animals, being unable to feed them. He also says that corn can not ripen; potatoes are rotting and the vintage this year will be inferior. He estimates the loss to agriculture at half a milliard of francs and says if the bad weather continues the crisis will extend to enormous dimensions.

ONE of the young women employed in a silk mill at Wilkesbarre, Pa., the other day was taken with epileptic fits. She fell to the floor and the other girls gathered around her and became most alarmed and excited. Suddenly one of them gave a wild shriek and fell over in hysterics. The excitement increased, and in a minute or so another young woman was seized with hysterics. The girls were now almost wild with nervous excitement, and one after another were seized with hysterical convulsions, until sixteen were prostrated.

PRIVATE dispatches received in London from Copenhagen flatly denied the reports of enthusiasm aroused by the visit of the German Emperor. These advices stated that the populace received him in sullen silence, and alleged that the only manifestations of welcome were the cheers of the Danish officers and a few German visitors. None of the private residences in the city displayed flags, and there was absolutely no indication of the appreciation of the great honor supposed to be conferred upon Denmark by the presence of the Emperor of Germany at the capital.

A NOVEL kind of beggar has made his appearance on the boulevards of Paris. This is a young man, a former pupil of the Ecole Normale. His modus operandi is as follows: He comes up to the terrace of a cafe, and addressing himself to the most intellectual looking man present invites him to ask any historical question he can think of, any date in French history, from the earliest to the present time, saying: "I will answer at once." He fulfills his promise with remarkable alacrity, and with equal alacrity passes around his hat.

"WHEN the new Congressional Library building is completed," said Librarian Spofford to a Washington Post reporter, "it will have capacity for accommodating over 10,000,000 volumes, which is about four times the number now collected in the largest library in the world. The latter is the National Library in Paris. It contains 2,500,000 volumes. The British Museum has 1,500,000. The Congressional Library at present has about 600,000 bound volumes, besides 350,000 musical compositions, 200,000 pamphlets and 300,000 works of graphic art."

DR. THOMAS W. EVANS, the famous American dentist, proposes to present to the city of Paris an equestrian statue of Lafayette in bronze as a testimonial of the gratitude of his countrymen for the services rendered by France during the struggle for independence, and of his own personal appreciation of many kindnesses he has received from French people. The statue is to be after the model by Klesinger. It is the last work from this gifted sculptor, and possesses great merit and beauty. The castings are now finished. The statue will be erected during next year—that is, the Exposition year.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESSIONAL.

THE Senate on the 30th further considered the amendment to the bill offered by Senator Bowen appropriating \$20,000 for the purpose of investigating the extent to which the arid region of the United States can be redeemed by irrigation was after debate adopted. An amendment appropriating \$5,000 for a public building at Atchison, Kan., was under consideration when the Senate adjourned. After disposal of several motions and committee reports the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Deficiency bill, and when the committee rose the House adjourned.

In the morning the House reported the Union Pacific Funding bill (the House-owning bill). The committee's report was unanimous. After other reports, the Senate resumed consideration of the Deficiency bill. The amendment appropriating \$75,000 for a public building at Atchison, Kan., was rejected. Pending consideration of the bill the House adjourned. In the afternoon, after the usual routine, the Army Appropriation bill was taken up in Committee of the Whole and considered until adjournment.

In the morning the House reported the bill to create the Department of Agriculture was favorably reported from committee. It is a House bill for making the agricultural bureau an independent department. A number of bills passed, and the Senate Civil bill was taken up, which after further consideration was finally passed, and soon after the Senate adjourned. Soon after the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Senate amendments to the Army Appropriation bill, and pending consideration adjourned.

ARRIVAL OF UNIMPORTANT BUSINESS. The Senate on the 31st resumed consideration of the Fisheries treaty, and Senator Riddinger spoke in opposition and Senator Morgan supported the treaty. Soon after recess the Senate adjourned. In the House the Senate amendments to the Army Appropriation bill were taken up, and a number of bills passed. The Deficiency bill was then taken up in Committee of the Whole. The debate drifted into a bill between members on political grounds, and the House adjourned. The House adjourned. The House adjourned.

IN THE Senate on the 31st, Senator Cullom offered a resolution directing an inquiry and report as to violations of the Interstate Commerce law by Canadian roads owning and operating lines in United States territory, and also whether commerce originating in the United States and directed to American Canadian lines, and spoke at length on the subject. A long discussion followed, when the resolution was adopted. The Fisheries treaty was also taken up, and after disposing of preliminary business, the Deficiency bill was considered until recess, and at the evening session thirty private pension bills passed.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THE Emperor of Germany has bestowed decorations upon several distinguished members of the Italian navy.

THE President has recognized Joseph Francisco, a candidate of the United States of Mexico for Rio Grande, Tex., and its dependencies, and Joaquin Torroja, Consul of Spain, at Key West, Fla.

DR. ROBERT MORRIS died recently at his home at La Grange, Ky., of paralysis. He was seventy years old and a native of Mississippi. He was the postmaster of Masonry. He was a past grand master and the author of nearly a hundred Masonic works and poems.

THE Republican Congressional convention of the Twelfth district of Indiana nominated J. B. White, the present incumbent.

THE Supreme Court of New Jersey has rendered a decision affirming the constitutionality of the Local Option High License law. The opinion as regards the license feature was unanimous, and the local option section the court stood eight to seven.

MAYOR HEWITT, of New York, has appointed the new Aqueduct Commissioners as follows: General James C. Duane, Mayor; John W. Aldrich, ex-officio; Walter Howe, ex-officio of the Legislature; independent; John G. Tucker, an extensive contractor and builder; Republican; Francis D. Scott, present assistant corporation counsel, Democrat.

THE President returned to Washington from his fishing excursion early on the morning of the 31st. Among his first visitors was the new Chief Justice Fuller.

A CONFERENCE of the executive committees of the Union and United Labor parties was held at Chicago on the 1st to see if some settlement of their disagreements could not be reached. The Union Labor men would accept no compromise and the United Labor committee therefore withdrew.

HEARST, JOHNSON, an intimate friend of Henry Clay and executor under his will, died recently at Lexington, Ky., aged eighty-four.

GEORGE D. HERRISSE, Inspector of the Bank of France, and his secretary, Mr. Felix Lacombe, returned to Paris from a child and other officials of the Treasury Department on the 1st for the purpose of obtaining information as to the financial operations of this Government, their inquiries, however, being directed more particularly to the National banking system.

THE Parnellites left the House of Commons on the close of the debate on the Commission bill on the 24, after Healy's amendment had been defeated by 283 to 201.

P. V. VAN VALKENBURG, Associate Justice of the Florida Supreme Court and one of the oldest Republicans in office in the State, died recently at Suwanee Springs, Fla., aged seventy.

EX-MAYOR EDWARD COOPER, of New York, has left London for an extended tour of the continent of Europe.

AT A voting precinct in the Tenth district of Claiborne County, Tenn., on the 31st, Burns Yokum shot and killed James Smith, an independent Republican candidate for county trustee, who was engaged with Yokum's brother in a hot discussion over the election. Yokum escaped.

ANOTHER large delegation waited upon General Harrison at Indianapolis on the 31st. In his address the Republican nominee commended the policy of small holdings.

THE President has recognized Gregorio del Arroyo Gonzalez de Riva as honorary Vice-Consul of Spain at Los Angeles, Cal.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CONFLICTING accounts of the damage by hot winds to the wheat crop in Southern Kansas have been received.

IT is reported in London that a French navy officer has been arrested at Kiel, Germany, as a spy.

A TERRIBLE explosion occurred on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad recently near Scranton, Pa., by which an engine was blown to pieces and the fireman, Henry Keldler, killed. Irving Stein, the engineer, was severely injured. The train and lumber yards of the Eddy Manufacturing Company, three miles from Scranton, were burned recently. Loss on mills, \$7,000, and on lumber, \$340,000. William Hobbs, aged eighteen, was burned to death and several men were badly burned while escaping from the mill.

SEVERAL carloads of Republicans from Morgan and Brown Counties, Ind., visited General Harrison on the 1st. They brought with them three brass bands.

INTELLIGENCE from Zanzibar makes it probable that the "White Pasha" is Emin Bey. The Mahdi threatened to attack him, which threat Emin Bey met by a bold move in advance himself.

THE public debt statement for July showed a decrease of \$4,137,298 during the month.

AT Cannon, a small town in Grayson County, Tex., the other night, Rev. G. Harrison, a Methodist minister, killed his son-in-law, Ben Peavey, and then killed himself. Cause, family trouble.

JOHN GARDNER, a policeman, was killed recently by a stroke of lightning while on duty at Lafayette Park, St. Louis.

JOHN KIRKMAN, president of the American National Bank of Nashville, Tenn., was killed by his horse while out riding the other afternoon. Mr. Kirkman was about sixty-five years old, and had been a prominent banker for a number of years.

THE catch of fish in Canada last year was valued at \$18,280,000. The exports to the United States aggregated \$2,717,000.

LITTLE, CRAFT & Co.'s mills, Evansville, Ind., were destroyed by fire the other night. Loss, \$100,000.

NINETEEN Chinese pirates were killed recently by a United States frigate. They had been the terror of the seas for five years.

A SPECIAL from St. Cloud, Minn., says that twenty houses in all were struck by lightning during the recent storm. Two of Mrs. Klinker's children were fatally hurt. Two valuable horses perished.

By a premature blast of powder on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad near Hancock, Md., recently, J. H. Shackelford, foreman, was killed and William Stottler, Andy Smith and Henry Green were seriously injured.

THE seizure of railroad property by the Peruvian Government caused energetic protests. The roads were built entirely by foreign capital, a good deal of which was American.

CHARLES MORGAN, alias "Blinky Morgan," concerned in the celebrated robberies and the murder of Detective Hurligan at Ravenna, was executed in the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus early on the morning of the 31st. He left a long state mental address.

By a fall of a span of the railroad bridge near Connellsville, Pa., the other day an engine and one car fell into the river. No one was hurt. Cause, rotten timbers.

THE cigarmakers of the East propose to appeal from the decision of the New Jersey Chancellor that any one can use the international cigar label.

A HAIL STORM on the Sisseton Indian reservation in Minnesota on the 1st, ruined the crops in a section a mile wide and ten miles long. One man was killed by lightning.

TRIALS by jury in the cases of Anarchists in Austria and Hungary have been suspended for a year.

THE meeting of the grievance committees of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Firemen, Brakemen and Switchmen of North America, which was appointed for Kansas City, has been changed to St. Louis and the date fixed at August 10.

THOUSANDS of deaths from cholera in Chang Chou, China, have occurred in the past three months.

HENRY M. VIMONT, of Millersburg, Ky., has been sent to an insane asylum, his mind having been destroyed by excessive cigarette smoking.

Dry goods merchant Shotwell, of Minneapolis, Minn., who recently failed, has been taken to the grand jury for obtaining money under false pretenses.

JOHN ALLEGEDLY killed a woman, publishing a small paper in San Francisco, recently demanded \$5,000 blackmail from ex-Senator Fair. He was promptly knocked down and after threatening Fair with a pistol took his departure.

THREE persons were killed by lightning which struck the house of Lawrence McLaughlin at Hazelwood, near Duluth, Minn., during the storm of the 31st.

THE Treasury Department's monthly statement showing the changes in circulation during July and August, shows a decrease of \$4,497,776 during the month.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended August 2 numbered 190 compared with 221 the previous week.

COPIOUS rains fell in Kansas and Missouri on the 24 and 31, insuring the corn crop.

IT is reported in Valdosta, Ga., that James Williams, the negro desperado who killed the station watchman there five years ago, has been arrested. Over fifty men resembling him had been arrested since the crime.

TWO boys were buried in the ruins of a barn near Richmond, Ill., recently, and great damage was done to crops by a storm.

EIGHTEEN persons were burned to death and many more injured by a fire in a tenement house at 197 Bowery, New York, on the afternoon of the 31st. The unfortunate were principally Polish Jews, engaged in the occupation of tailoring.

HALF a million dollars' worth of damage has been done by forest fires in the vicinity of Ottawa, Ont.

THE Canadian Government proposes to prevent Mormon settlers in the Northwest Territory from practicing polygamy.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

C. H. BRIGHAM, a young Boston lawyer, became exhausted while swimming at Crescent Beach the other day and was sinking when Hannah Donagan, a young girl, swam out and held him up until a boat came to his rescue.

GENERAL PHILIP H. SHERIDAN died at Nonquitt, Mass., on the night of the 5th.

CLEARING house returns for week ended August 3 show the following: New York, 12.3 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the decrease was 17.5.

DURING a thunder storm near Lanesboro, Minn., the other morning, Martin Oliver Johnson was killed by lightning with two of his children.

BELVA LOCKWOOD, the champion of woman suffragists and Presidential candidate, gave a lecture to a meager audience at New York recently. She prophesied that a woman would yet rule the United States.

PRICES were firm but business was dull on the London Stock Exchange during the week ended August 4. The bourse was weak and dull at Paris, the strikes and Communist threats having a depressing effect. The German bourses were quiet and steady.

A NEW YORK paper prints a story to the effect that Jay Gould proposes to sell his Western Union interests to a syndicate of leading financiers, including John Mackay. The effect of the deal, if carried out as intended, would be the incorporation of a gigantic telegraph trust.

NEW ZEALAND advices say the ship Star of Greece went ashore near Adelaide harbor June 30. The captain and sixteen others were drowned, the first and third officers, four men and four apprentices being saved.

THE river Vistula has overflowed its banks and inundated the country about Minsk, Russia.

JOHN ROBINSON, the veteran showman, died at Cincinnati recently. He was more than eighty years of age. He had spent almost his whole life in the management of circuses, and had amassed a large fortune.

A PARTY from Fayette County, Iowa, went to Motor, a small town on the Turkey river, the other day to fish. During the afternoon three of them got into a deep hole and were drowned. Their names were Charles Redy, Mary Wales and John Martin.

THE steamship Marsella, from Hamburg, landed a motley collection of immigrants at Castle Garden recently. Out of the vessel's 318 steerage passengers there were fully 100 who were either destitute or physically disabled.

THE financial statement of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad for the month of June makes the following showing: Expenses, increase \$320,046.90 over June, 1887; net earnings, decrease, \$506,946.51, as compared with the same month; total decrease net earnings for six months ended June 30, \$1,700,349.31.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

BEN CATER, eighteen years old, whose mother resides at Topeka, was recently killed by a freight train near Mexico, Mo. He was stealing a ride when he fell under the wheels.

THE residence of George M. Knox in Power Place, Topeka, was recently by a colored thief the other day during the absence of the family and pillaged. The robber had prepared to burn the house when Mrs. Knox returned and opened the door. She was knocked down and kicked by the ruffian who made good his escape.

A FARMER of Gray County, named McCabe, was recently buried in a well. He had dug forty feet when the sides caved in on him. The neighbors dug him out as soon as possible, but he was extinct.

EMERY MILLER, a partner in the Commission house of the Richardson Commission Company at Leavenworth, was drowned at that city the other night while bathing. He leaves a wife and two children.

BAXTER, aged fifty-two years, was killed by a train at Topeka the other morning. He was in Canton, Ill., where two other daughters live. Cause, despondency.

SOME weeks ago a Mrs. White, living a few miles from Topeka, was assaulted by a negro, who ordered her to get up, and she was only saved from violence by the approach of friends. A few weeks later her niece was brutally assaulted by a negro at the farm house of the victim's father. The families believed that Ed. Ramsey, a tough negro of Topeka, committed both offenses, and felt certain he was the one who assaulted Mrs. White. Recently the Whites, father and son, met Ramsey on the street while in Topeka, when he denied his name and started to run. Young White ordered him to halt, which he failed to do, when White fired on him, the ball taking effect in the head. The Whites were arrested, and the negro population very much excited.

At a recent meeting of the committee of the State League of Democratic Clubs in Lawrence it was decided to hold the convention at Lawrence September 3, 1888.

PATENTS recently issued to Kansas inventors: Joint for railway trails, Isaac C. Albright and J. C. Gillespie, Challacon; wash-bailer, William M. Goventry, Bertha; trap for roach or game, George A. Kille, Mound Valley; stomach pump, Horace W. Parsons, Wamego; electrical organ, Horace W. Parsons and J. Hoduit, Wamego; machine for laying railway tracks, Marion Smith, Durham; tightener for belts, George C. Lincoln, Lincoln.

THE State Board of Equalization has completed the tabulation of the assessment of the State for 1887. The total valuation of the State as shown by the returns is \$353,237,223.25, an increase of \$42,370,422.85 over last year.

N. W. McELROY, of Decatur County, has been nominated for Congress by the Democratic convention of the sixth district.

CRACKS have been noted in the walls of the Western railway were within seven miles of Plainville on August 2.

DELEGATES from the various Farmer's Alliance lodges met at Lyons the other day and organized the Farmer's Alliance of the State of Kansas. Officers elected for the State: President, John C. Salinger, I. M. Morse, of White City; vice-president, I. E. Perlick, of Farlington; Secretary, J. A. McLean, of Peabody; treasurer, W. A. Butler, of Cicero. A memorial was signed by the officers and farmers present and sent to the State Legislature, to pass the bill which has passed the House creating a department of agriculture. The next annual meeting will be held at Topeka in August, 1888.

REV. J. J. HENNESSEY, of St. Louis, has been created Bishop of the diocese of Wichita.

THE Governor has issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who, on the night of July 27, 1888, murdered Mrs. B. Miller, of Wichita, Kan.

THE Attorney-General has been notified that T. J. Goodin, who filled the office of county treasurer of Rawlins County for two terms, has very mysteriously disappeared. His accounts with the county are still unsettled.

ON May 16 Elmer E. Jenkins left Abilene for Boston, Mass., on a bicycle. On August 2 he arrived there safely, having traversed the whole distance, 2,000 miles, on his wheel.

SARAH WEST has reported, with commendation, the House bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri river at some point near the mouth of the Kansas river.

THE thirteenth annual convention of the grand lodge of the A. F. & A. M. (colored) of the State of Kansas, will be held in Wichita August 28, 29 and 30.

IN his weather report for July, Prof. F. H. Snow, of the University of Kansas, says: "This was one of the hottest Julys on record—the others having been in 1858, 1881 and 1882. The rainfall was slightly above the average; the cloudiness and wind velocity were very light and the humidity was light. The last three features combined to make the heat unusually oppressive."

EMPORTA had quite a sensation the other day when the woman of Whelan was arrested while driving through the streets with harness that was identified as having been stolen. He had a woman with him and when he was dragged off to the bastle the woman sat in the buggy, and when he was represented her from driving she jumped out and attacked him savagely with the buggy whip, which fun cost her five dollars and costs.

GOVERNOR MARTIN has issued a pardon to Pat Montgomery, who was convicted of burglary at the November, 1885, term of the Jackson County District Court, and was done at the recommendation of the State Board of Pardon.

LAWRENCE does afford a revenue of \$2,000. Other towns might profit by the example.

A STRAFTER, of Illinois, the Union Labor candidate for President, has already spoken at several points in Kansas.

LEAVENWORTH has a policeman who is fond of using his "gun" on the slightest pretense, and the people cry out for his dismissal.

TOPEKA recently had a mad dog scare. JOE WILSON and A. Armstrong engaged in a vicious fight at Wilson's house at Armourdale the other morning, in which the latter narrowly escaped with his life. Armstrong knocked Wilson down and the row was caused by a family difficulty, the nature of which neither of the men would divulge. Wilson attacked Armstrong, and after several knock-downs Armstrong produced a razor and proceeded to cut his antagonist, inflicting eight very serious wounds.

CHARLES MATTHEWS, a colored man forty-five years old, recently lost a leg at Topeka by being run over by a Union Pacific train.

THE Democrats of the Fifth district have nominated Dr. N. D. Tobey, of Salina, for Congress.

EX-GOVERNOR THOMAS CARNEY, the second Governor of Kansas, died suddenly of apoplexy at his home in Leavenworth on the 28th, aged sixty-two years. His death is the first to occur in the line of Kansas Governors. All the others are still living.

A SOMEWHAT sensational case of wife-beating was tried at Emporia the other day, the defendant being Dr. T. F. Miller, who was charged with the crime on three different counts and fined \$15 on each count and given thirty days in jail, with the further sentence to remain in jail until his fines were paid. The neighboring women were the prosecuting witnesses.

COST OFFICERS were lately established at Fox, Harper County, and Waring, Ness County.

THE hotel for supper at seven o'clock. On returning the usual preparations for the night were made and Colonel Sheridan said "Good night" to his brother about nine o'clock and went to the hotel. There he had no apprehension of approaching death.

When the first bad symptoms appeared at 9:30 o'clock Dr. Matthews and O'Reilly, who were in attendance, applied the remedies which had been effective in former attacks but they had no effect and the General gradually passed into unconsciousness ending in the quiet cessation of life at 10:20 p. m. Mrs. Sheridan, the Sisters Moban and Justinian and body servant Klein were present during the General's last moments. No arrangements have yet been determined upon for the funeral.

The following official bulletin was issued at midnight: General Sheridan died at 10:20 this evening. The immediate cause of death was heart failure. The remote cause was a contest between the aortic valves, the existence of which was known to his physicians, to himself and to his family in November last year. The symptoms which have occurred since that time—exhaustion, pulmonary and pneumonia complications, oedema, anasarca and hemorrhages. The last day of his life was somewhat restless, but not more so than he had been several times since his arrival at Nonquitt. At 9:30 symptoms of heart failure suddenly appeared. The remedies which had hitherto been successful were vigorously applied, but proved ineffective, and he sank rapidly, dying peacefully at the hour named.

It was impossible last night to obtain an account of any of the inmates of the Sheridan cottage or with any one likely to be informed as to the incidents attending the General's death, as all refused to talk. A train was sent to New Bedford for an undertaker, who will embalm the body and prepare it for conveyance to Washington. Colonel Kelly, who is now in Washington, was telegraphed to start for Nonquitt at once and bring with him the General's uniform. As there is no telegraph office at Nonquitt it is extremely difficult to obtain any news.

The illness, which has just resulted in General Sheridan's death commenced May 12, immediately after his return from a tour of inspection out West. He complained of feeling unwell and worn out but went to his office each day for about a week. He was then forced to remain indoors, and Tuesday, May 22, he had a severe attack of heart failure, which greatly alarmed his family and physicians. On account of the effect it was feared the news would have on the General's mother who was aged and in delicate health, the doctor decided to keep the matter as quiet as possible, and to keep the more alarming phases of his illness from the public, and it was not until the end of that week that the physicians admitted the true character of the disease. On Friday of the week ended May 26 he had several attacks of heart failure and the increased nervousness and each succeeding one then followed relapses and recoveries in quick succession. With the approach of warm weather it was decided by the physicians after several consultations that he should be removed, as he could not get out, and therefore he was taken to the cottage at Washington, and state to withstand a period of prolonged heat. Accordingly, on Saturday, June 30, he was, after several delays, placed on board the United States steamer Swatara and brought here after several stops caused by recurrences of the heart trouble.

The General had made his will and all preparations for death, and was ready to face it though resolutely determined that life should not be given up without a severe struggle. The General's death was a surprise to the family of General Ruler, and four small children, three girls and one boy.

JOHN O'BRIEN DEAD. CINCINNATI, O., August 4.—John Robinson, the veteran showman, died at eight o'clock this morning. Mr. Robinson was more than eighty years of age, yet until a very short time he maintained a remarkable degree of vigor. He has spent almost his whole life in the management of circuses, being succeeded by his sons within the past few years. He had amassed a large fortune.

—L. W. Jackson lost some cattle a day or two ago and started out to hunt them, accompanied by his dog. In hunting around they came across an immense alligator, but as his "gatorship" was engaged in watching some calves, he did not notice Mr. Jackson and his party (he having been joined by two friends). Mr. Jackson's dog, not being very well up to the "gator" business, commenced the attack at once. As soon as his "gatorship" could change his mind from calves to dog he made a sweep with his tail that brought the canine around to his business end, and before the dog had time to think of the past made a snap that would have ended his career then and there, but the "gator" miscalculated his distance, and instead of taking the whole dog, tail and all, he got his tail only. The dog being thus freed, started on a home run; but the "gator" wanted dog if he could not get calf, and therefore started after him, rolling over and over. This method of locomotion was so unusual that the dog became disgusted, and made such good time that the "gator" gave it up and turned his attention to his human enemy. They in the end, however, were slain with fence rails, and then the fight was fast and furious. The "gator" would take the rails between his teeth and crunch them as if he enjoyed them as a diet. To vary the exercise he would snatch a rail and sweep it round over his head, and then he would go to the country, making his assailants give him plenty of room. Finally, after a terrible struggle, he was run to the ground, and all parties go.—Gainesville (Fla.) Advocate.

DEATH OF SHERIDAN.

The General of the Army Dies of Heart Failure at Nonquitt, Mass.

Remedies Before Successful Fail to Relieve Him—His End Free From Pain.

How His Illness Commenced—The Long Fight For Life and Hope Almost to the Last.

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